

The British Carriage Dog Society

Fenix CARRIAGE DOG TRIALS



SATURDAY 7th JULY 2012

Commencing approx 8.30am

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Judges:

Road Dogs – Ali Rummey

Carriage Dogs – Tim Stafford

Canine Vet – Rachel Mowbray BVSc MRCVS

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Equine Vet – John Horlock BVSc MRCVS

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Welcome to everyone at the 10th Fenix National Carriage Dog Trials



On behalf of the British Carriage Dog Society it gives me enormous pleasure to welcome you to this our 10th anniversary trials, a competition designed to demonstrate and test the traditional working relationship between owner, horse and Dalmatian.

Fenix Carriages, Burns Pet Food and Dorwest Herbs have supported us from the early years. The financial commitment these three sponsors have given us to launch carriage dog trials in the UK has been considerable. All three companies are supportive of the working dog and have made this unique competition possible. We give them our heartfelt thanks.

This year, we must also thank a number of individual sponsors and together they have also made a big difference.

Stewards, many of them regulars, are an integral part of our competition, as are the vets, volunteer drivers, judges and landowners - Tony and Rebecca Symonds. The weekend is a lovely social time, in a attractive location, made even more pleasant this year by the wonderful catering skills of Sue Lee and the western region.

It's a good time to catch up with old friends and make new ones - human, equine and canine. We do hope you enjoy the weekend - whatever part you are playing.

**Alison Burgess – Chairman
British Carriage Dog Society**



Ozzy
Cleland
training
(right)

Benson and
Molly (left)
at the
Hereford
Show



SOME 2011 NATIONAL TRIALS WINNERS



Tim Stafford's Todd was Road Dog Champion. Todd became one of the first dogs to achieve the Gold Award in both disciplines. Tim is judging carriage dogs this year.



Maura Reade's Domino was Carriage Dog Champion, with Levi 2nd in the Silver class. Domino has now achieved a Gold Carriage Dog award in two countries.



Julie Swindells' Clover won the Road Dog Silver class, with her mother and brother Daisy and Rolex also qualifying.



Donna Simmons' Milo won the Groom's Award achieving his Gold Carriage Dog qualification. Axle was awarded Best Conditioned horse.



Avril Pluck's Spin won the Silver Carriage Dog class. Spin has previously been Carriage Dog Champion twice.



Neil & Pat Dutson's Cato won the Bronze Carriage Dog class and Best Rescue Dog, for overcoming adversities in his previous life.

... SOME OF THE YEAR'S EVENTS ...

Edenbridge and Oxted Show



Munin rides on with
Fenris & Freya behind;
Anne Dickens drives Parker (left)
Celia Gilbert with Poppy; Pippa Ellen drives
Pumpkin and Annie (above)

South East Trials



Colin Healey's Florence Bronze
Carriage Dog & Best Conditioned Dog

Silver Road Dog Penny with
Cynthia Styles-Forsythe on Talisman



1001 Ride



Felicity Mee
with Lucky in
the Cotswolds
(left)

Marion
Greene hosts
the Irish
contingent
(right)



Ten years on....

... and I find myself stewarding in the obedience field again.

In 2003, while browsing a horse gear stall at a Spring show in Sussex, with my young Dalmatian Munin on a lead, I was accosted by Alison Burgess. She asked "Do you ride with your dog?". We soon then both realised who the other was. We had been in touch by e-mail, when I volunteered to help at a new competition I'd heard about, but had not met. She thought perhaps she had found another competitor.

In a way she had, as I have competed ever since. But in those days I had no horse of my own and the organisers had their work cut out putting on a new competition, without the added pressure of finding horses for strangers to compete on. (Oh, and I now do exactly the same whenever I see anyone with a Dalmatian and a horse!)

Ten years ago, as a total newbie to both the concept and actuality of Carriage Dog Trials, I was asked to time each competitor's warm up. (In those days, up to fifteen minutes was allowed prior to the obedience test and calculated as part of the endurance run.) I watched enthralled as eleven dogs entered the obedience field, where Charlie Kocur, a judge from the US, would put them through their paces.

The standard of those paces and the demands of the tests are today significantly higher, as I think the competitors from 2003 would agree. What is the same, is the spirit of friendship and adventure that the Carriage Dog Trials creates.

Having played virtually every role there is at a Trials in the intervening years, I have observed and experienced the highs and lows of competition. I have had the benefit of the generosity of loaned horses, have been able to return that favour, and had the pleasure of driving for other people. I have stewarded the course, judged the tests, helped train dogs and organised displays and Regional Trials. It's all been enormous fun and I feel privileged to have been part of it.

But it is our Dalmatians (and horses) that have been the stars. They have excelled in spirit, in temperament, in their capacity for work and play, and as ambassadors for their breed. I am sure you are all as proud of yours as I am of mine.

The Trials themselves are always going to be a bit of a minority sport. There are just not that many people with Dalmatians and horses, let alone carriages, keen to compete. But the work the British Carriage Dog Society does, through training, trials and displays, to promote the profile of the Dalmatian's heritage and its natural abilities as a biddable, working dog, has served our breed very well.

Alison and her committee are to be congratulated ten years on, for their dedication to that cause, their enthusiasm for the Dalmatian, and their sheer hard work.

With the critical spotlight on pedigree dogs, as it has been over the last few years, I think it is fair to say that the BCDS has played its part to demonstrate that our beloved breed is both fit for purpose and fit for a modern life. Long may it continue.

Anne Dickens

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without whose support the Trials would not be possible*

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Brenda Rance Olbero Dalmatians
Patches Silverstone Tanstar Dalmatians

Friends fondly remembered ...

Chris and Mike Cleland remember Izzy

Alison Burgess remembers Abbie & Woody



**Triallers and
friends
relaxing in
the barn at
Lincomb
after the
Trials in
2008 –
some of
them
participants
from 2003.**

• • • COMPETITORS • • •

Carriage Dog Bronze (Groom Handler) sponsored by Kay Martland in memory of Ian Martland

1. CHRIS CLELAND, SUSSEX

Dalmatian **OZZY** Candidals King of the World by Deovolante D d.o.b. 03.02.11
Ch. Washakie Nutcracker Prince JW x Candidals Flirty Frankie
Driver: Mandy Hawley Vehicle: Fenix Flyer
Horse: Rakker KWPN 15.3hh

2. GAIL COTTERILL, KENT

Dalmatian **EMILY** Hebemor Mystery Dice CDB B d.o.b. 15.10.09
Ch Dalmark the Shaded Moon at Nospar JW x Hebemor Tumbling Dice
Driver: Peter Finch Vehicle: Marathon
Horse: Prophet Appaloosa 16.2hh

3. LINDA DAVID, TORFAEN

Dalmatian **MERLYN** Dallydyl The Wizard D d.o.b. 22.10.07
Caprilli's Hasta La Vista x Caprilli's Genuine Gift to Dallydyl
Driver: Ray David Vehicle: Exercise vehicle
Horse: Chance Clydesdale x Shire 15.3hh

4. PIPPA ELLEN, KENT

Dalmatian **LILY** Pennypleck Babylon B DOB 23.11.10
Kalsidoni Jet x Magnolia May
Driver: David Smith Vehicle: Bennington BX4
Horse: Jemima Morgan 14.2hh

5. MARIA FRASER, CO. LIMERICK (Ireland)

Dalmatian **DOTTY** Dotty about Paige B d.o.b. 03.08.10
Transvision x Dungiven Princess
Driver: David Smith Vehicle: Bennington BX4
Horse: Jemima Morgan 14.2hh

6. EDWARD O'CONNELL, CO. DOWN (Ireland)

Dalmatian **COSMO** Showman Eyes D d.o.b. 28.01.09
The Showman x Beautiful Condalisa
Driver: Kay Walton Vehicle: Bennington Buccaneer
Horse: Bess Coloured Cob 13.3hh

7. EDWARD O'CONNELL, CO. DOWN (Ireland)

Dalmatian **EVE** Lady of Otterstown B d.o.b. 28.03.09
Lornlee Crown of Glory x Proud Lady Sandy
Driver: Kay Walton Vehicle: Bennington Buccaneer
Horse: Bess Coloured Cob 13.3hh

Carriage Dog Silver sponsored by www.jeffjonesimaging.com

8. AVRIL PLUCK, SHROPSHIRE

Dalmatian **SPIN** Galadriel Whispered Secret CDG B d.o.b. 06.05.06
Ecliptic Star of Washakie x Jill's Beauty
Groom: Kath Buckland Vehicle: Bennington Mini 2 wheeler
Horse: Louis 11.1hh

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Carriage Dog Silver (Groom Handler) sponsored by www.primrosehillpets.co.uk

9. NEIL DUTSON, TORFAEN

Dalmatian **CATO** (Rescue) CDB D d.o.b. 07.07.08
Driver: Pat Dutson Vehicle: Phaeton
Horse: Moelgywn Ceridwen Welsh Sec D 14.1hh

10. ROZ GLICK, KENT

Dalmatian **MAGGIE** Topsy Girl CDB B d.o.b. 7.08.09
Denesreckless Lateef x Tamsin Tulip
Driver: Isobel Standen Vehicle: Hartland Pleasuresport
Horse: Shadow Cob 15.1hh

Carriage Dog Gold sponsored by Sue Andrews for Cindy

11. MIRANDA PURVES, KENT

Dalmatian **SPLASH** Plentycoups Sapphire CDS B d.o.b. 31.08.07
Dalesbred Larking Around at Deovolante CDB x Shining Emma
Groom: Laura Rushton Vehicle: Bennington Marathon
Horse: Addie Welsh Sec C 13.1hh

12. MAURA READE, CO. CARLOW (Ireland)

Dalmatian **DOMINO** (Rescue) Chandhally C'est la Vie CDG D d.o.b. 2.11.07
Fr Ch Troilus de Puech Barryre x Chandhally Snow Queen
Groom: Polina Crawford Vehicle: Marathon
Horse: Widget Skewbald cob 14.1hh

13. MAURA READE, CO. CARLOW (Ireland)

Dalmatian **LEVI** Reignbows Matisse CDS D d.o.b. 16.09.07
Aust. Ch Ruyton Xaminer x River Run
Groom: Polina Crawford Vehicle: Marathon
Horse: Widget Skewbald cob 14.1hh

Road Dog Gold sponsored by www.longpaws.co.uk

14. ALISON BURGESS, SUSSEX

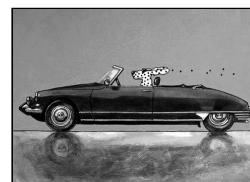
Dalmatian **TALLY** Koroyza Candy Dreams at Wheelgates CDS RDS B d.o.b. 23.04.08
Ch Sophtspot Sugar Daddy at Dvojica JW x Dalesbred Dominica via Koroyza
Horse: Danny/Jacko Appaloosa 14hh/Cob 14hh

15. CYNTHIA STYLES-FORSYTHE, SUSSEX

Dalmatian **PENNY** Penny Patch RDS B d.o.b. 21.4.06
Dalehouse Nighthawk at Vecturacanis x Spot a Lot
Horse: Talisman Cob 14.3hh

Trophies and Prizes

Carriage Dog Champion	British Dalmatian Club Trophy
Road Dog Champion	Dappledice Rose Bowl
Groom's Award	Dolly's Cup
Winner Silver Road Dog	Roadcoach Trophy
Winner Silver Carriage Dog	Tyrodal Trophy
Winner Silver Carriage Dog (GH)	Nell's Legacy
Winner Bronze Carriage Dog	The Ostler's Mug
Winner Bronze Carriage Dog (GH)	Annie's Award
Winner Bronze Road Dog	North of England Dalmatian Club Trophy
Best Rescue Dog	Tanstar Trophy & head study by Joy Claxton
Best Condition Dog	Truett Memorial Trophy
Best Condition Horse	Special BCDS rosette
Judge's Special	Sophy White

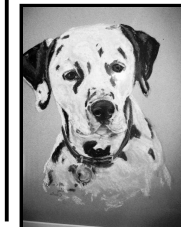


Have Dal will travel - Sunday morning fun!

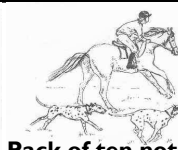
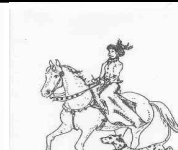
It's well known that the Dalmatian's carriage duties were inspired by the Gentry after their Grand Tour in centuries past.

Now, in the twenty first century, you will be able to emulate your forbears. Travelling from continent to continent demonstrating your own, and your dog's, skills. See you Sunday morning for Tea/Coffee and cakes and loads of laughter.

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Carriage Dog Judge - Tim Stafford

Tim has been involved with dog training for 35 years and now heads a team with The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Tim has a degree in Applied Animal Behaviour and is a provisional member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors; he is working towards certification as a clinical animal behaviourist. He is a member of the Society for Companion Animal Studies and is especially interested in building the relationship between dogs and their owners.

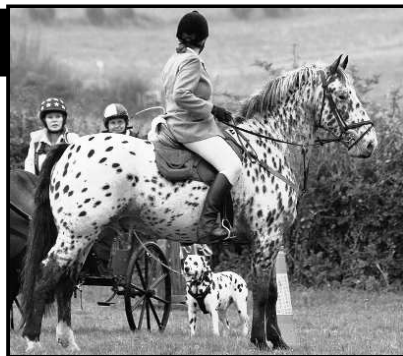
Tim bought a Dalmatian as he needed a breed that had the capacity to keep up with running and cycling. He had also seen several members of this breed working as guide dogs in New Zealand and so disregarded the usual advice of them being not that bright. He stumbled upon the BCDS website and attended the National Trials when Todd was a puppy. The next year they returned to qualify at silver carriage dog after practicing with a bike. Todd rarely practices with a horse or carriage and shows that qualification can be achieved without the handler necessarily being an active equestrian. Todd is now dual qualified as Gold Carriage and Road Dog – winning the Road Dog Championship in 2011.

Tim judged the Irish Nationals in 2011 and is honoured to be asked to judge the Nationals in 2012.



Road Dog Judge - Ali Rummey

I have been involved with the trials since the first one in Hampshire back in 2003, and have, I think, attended all of them with the exception of the one held in Scotland! Initially my daughter Charlie was Domino's handler, and I took over in 2005. Domino and her daughter, Demi, are both Silver Road Dogs.



In addition, Demi has achieved a pass in her Gold Road Dog Obedience and also in Bronze and Silver Carriage Dog Obedience. Since becoming a committee member, I have watched with interest as the rules are refined and updated to produce a more comprehensive test and an approach to judging that reinforces what it is we looking for in our dogs i.e. that they are obedient, safe, Road Dogs - not high scoring competitive obedience dogs! My first outing as a judge was at the South East Regional Trials last September. I am delighted to have been asked to judge here, at our 10th anniversary National Championship Trials!

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... SOME MORE OF THE YEAR'S EVENTS ...

Burns Dog Days Out

Sue Beaman's Benson (right)
Avril Pluck & Spin (below)



... DOGS IN TRAINING ...

Wes
Evans
rides
Knab-
strupper
Jonas to
train his
new
potential
road dog
Dragon



Working Horse Trust

Anne
Dickens
demos
the road
dog
discipline
with
Munin
and John
Fisher's
Noriker
Mo



Jane Friend
trains Phoebe
by trike! (left)

Wendy Ridley
trains Hugo
with Alison
Burgess driving
Blakeney
(right)





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CARRIAGE AND ROAD DOG TESTS IN BRIEF

Carriage Dog Exercises

Axle	Walk, trot and halt on a figure of 8 for 200m
Stay	A sit, down or stand stay Bronze 1min, Silver 1½mins, Gold 2mins
Axle with Distraction	Trot past distraction dog
Speed	Show a turn of speed over 100m
Overall impression	Judge's overall impression

Road Dog Exercises

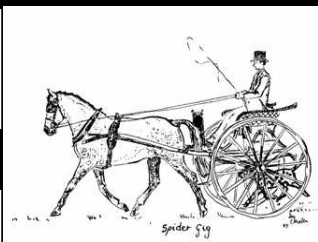
Recall and Hock	Leave dog and call to hock at walk; trot on a figure of 8 for 200m
Stay	A sit, down or stand stay Bronze 1min, Silver 1½mins, Gold 2mins
Hock with Distraction	Trot past distraction dog
Speed	Show a turn of speed over 100m
Overall Impression	Judge's overall impression

Endurance

Bronze	10kms in 90 mins
Silver	20kms in 3 hours
Gold	40kms in 6 hours

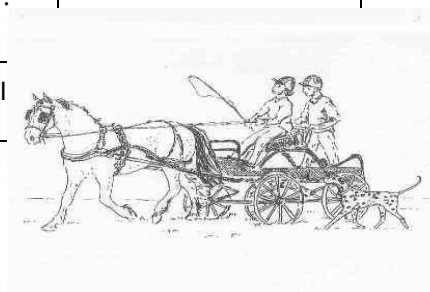
Pass Marks

Bronze 50% Silver 60% Gold 70%



The weekend's events ...

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cross Country course available to hire for ridden horses (no drivers)	Approx 8.30am Trials commence	Cross Country course available to hire for ridden horses (no drivers)
5.00 – 6.00pm Obedience field available for horses – no dogs	Approx 6.00pm AGM and Awards ...	Approx 10am Games for you and your Dalmatian
6.00pm Fish & Chips or bring your own supper	... Followed by meal approx 7.00pm	
6.45pm Competitor briefing		



Information for spectators

The purpose of Carriage Dog Trials is to demonstrate the use of Dalmatians in one of the roles they have been bred through the years to perform: that of a companion, decoration and guard for horses and carriages in past times.



It is both an endurance and obedience event and all competing dogs must do a basic obedience test alongside their handler's horse or carriage followed by an endurance including vet checks in all classes. The aim of the obedience test is to replicate, as far as possible, modern horse and carriage working environments, where the dog must be under the handler's control at all times. The endurance element tests each competing Dalmatian's stamina and capacity for work. It is essential that the dog shows willingness and enjoyment of its work throughout.

Important Information: The organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to protect people's health and safety. Please follow the instructions of the organisers and take precautions to prevent accidents. Neither the British Carriage Dog Society, nor any land owner, agent, employee or representative of these bodies, save for the death or injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, accepts any liability for any incidents, loss, damage or illness to horses, dogs, people or property.

Please note, all non-competition dogs must be kept on leads at all times and must not enter the obedience field until the obedience competition is finished. Spectators should give way to competitors